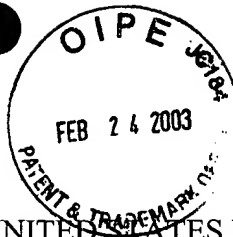


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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 22, 2002**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2002, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until November 22, 2002.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months to extend the period for response until February 24, 2003 (February 22, 2003 being a Saturday), and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time accompanied by the government extension of time fee. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file and/or if the extension of time fee is deficient, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, including any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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